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PROCEEDINGS

Goldsboro, N. C., October 6, 1932.

At 10 A. M. The Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association met in its 60th annual session with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Rev. T. T. Williams, the Vice Moderator, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. H. B. Joyner and Bro. H. C. Carroll. Bro. Carroll introduced services with hymn No. 492. Rev. Joyner read 12 verses of the 2nd Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Prayer by Rev. Joyner. The Rev. offered many thanks for past blessings. He plead for peace and harmony to prevail.

Brother Carroll continued services by lining hymn No. 449, "How Happy Are the Saints Above."

Rev. Williams, the Vice Moderator now in a very intelligent manner declared the meeting open, and called for expressions.

The following expressed themselves as being glad that we have been spared to meet in this, our 60th annual session.

Rev. H. B. Joyner followed by Bro. L. S. Swinson, Bro. O. R. Sheppard, Bro. H. C. Carroll, Bro. H. Draughn, Bro. Fred Isler, gave some very timely remarks.

The pastor of the church, Rev. B. F. Johnson assured us that we were safe to go forward with our programs and the program would be rendered tonight. The roll was called. Collected annual fees $18.00. Delegate fees, $4.25. At 11:25 the association suspended business to hear the Introductory Sermon of the Association to be preached by Rev. R. W. Underwood of Goldsboro, N. C., assisted by Rev. U. G. Moye.

Rev. Moye introduced service by lining hymn No. 540. Rev. Moye read the 53rd Chapter of Prophecy of the Prophet, Isaiah.

Prayer by Rev. H. B. Joyner.

Second selection, "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

The Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith now introduced and presented Rev. R. W. Underwood to preach the Introductory Sermon of the Association. After a very short preliminary Rev. Underwood selected for a text Paul's letter to Eph.—4-3.

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

Subject, "Keeping the Spiritual Unity in the Bonds of Peace."

The Rev. Mr. Underwood was informational and inspiring in his discourse.

Rev. Moye sang "When Peace Attendeth My Soul."

The Moderator commented on the sermon and called Bro. Robert Swinson of Kinston and Bro. J. D. Loften from Holly Green to lift the collection. Amount collected $2.05. Total collected $33.20.

Rev. Freeman Roscoe now pastor of Patterson Chapel was presented and joined the Association.

We adjourned. Benediction by Rev. D. A. Williams.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Augusta Chapel—Matthew Ford, 25c; Henry Thompson 25c.
Banks Chapel—T. I. Patterson, 25c.
Atkinson Chapel—Willie Best, 25c.
Barnes Chapel—S. W. Williams, 25c; J. C. Barnes, 25c.

Bests Grove—E. C. Foye, 25c; J. H. Coor, 25c.
Buckhorn Chapel—Alonza Kornegay, 25c.
Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell, 25c.
Eastern Union—
Ebenezer—R. J. Harper, 25c.
First Baptist, Kinston—Robert Swinson, 25c.
First Baptist, Eureka— G. J. Johnson, 25c.
First Baptist, Dover—By letter.
First Baptist, Lucama—Elias Barnes.
Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones, 25c.
Holly Green—J. D. Loften, 25c.
Holly Hill—Louis Dawson, 25c.
Liberty Grove—Boss Best, 25c; Jonah McFadde, 25c.
Little Creek—
Mt. Calvary—Zeb Wooten, 25c.
Mt. Pleasant—H. P. Newsom, 25c; J. B. Black, 25c.
Mt. Zion, Kinston—J. S. Parker, 25c.
Piney Grove—Author Williams, 25c.
Princeton Chapel—Jack Asbury, 25c.
Patterson Chapel—J. E. Baker, 25c.
Rouse Chapel—John Best, 25c.
Rountree Chapel—
Saints Delight—J. F. Evans, 25c.
St. Stephen—G. F. Hood, 25c.
Shady Grove—Fonza Howard, 25c.
Wynns Chapel—C. Brock, 25c.
Western Union—J. C. Barnes, 25c.
Woman's Home Mission—
Field Agent, $6.00.

ROLL OF CHURCHES AND DEACONS

Augusta Chapel—Leslie Holloman, 50c; O. R. Shepard, 50c; Julius Grantham, 50c; Henry Thompson, 50c; C. J. Walls, 50c; Matthew Ford, 50c.

Atkinson Chapel—H. C. Carroll, 50c; C. R. Rogers, 50c; H. Draughn, 50c; W. O. Sykes—

Banks Chapel—C. H. Bryant, 50c; T. I. Patterson, 50c; Bruce Patterson; W. M. Jones; Henry Dawson.

Barnes Chapel—C. C. Williams; A. Howell; F. D. Truitt; J. C. Barnes; S. W. Williams; J. S. Smith; A. Battle.

Bests Grove—J. H. Coor, 50c; E. C. Foye, 50c; Julius Green, 25c; J. S. Barnes, 50c; B. B. Best, 50c.

Davis Chapel—Major Bizzell; Frank Parker; Frank Bizzell.

Ebenezer—R. J. Harper, 50c; F. B. Bell; M. F. Daniels; Green Wooten.

First Baptist, Eureka—Geo. B. Exum, 50c; G. J. Johnson, 50c; Willie Johnson, 50c.

First Baptist, Kinston—J. W. Gorham, 50c; Peter Coydell, 50c; Robert Swinson, 50c; James Jarman.

First Baptist, Dover—D. J. Joyner, 50c; S. L. Oats, 50c.

First Baptist, Lucama—Elias Barnes, 50c; John Newton, 50c; Walter Thompson, 50c.

Hooks Grove—A. B. Jones, 50c; J. H. Aycock, 50c; Kater Halamutor, 50c; David Sears, 50c; Richard Yelerton.

Holly Green—J. D. Loften, 50c; Moses Brandhurst, J. S. Smith, J. C. Cobb, B. Daniels.

Holly Hill—

Liberty Grove—A. W. Bizzell, 50c; Frank Bizzell, Honorary; Preston Barnett, 50c; Joe Sutton.

Little Creek—

Mt. Calvary—Jack Peyton, 50c; Walter Deans, 50c; Will Bryant, 50c; George Lane, 50c.

Mt. Pleasant—L. S. Swinson ,50c; Milton Walters, 50c; Levi Thompson, 50c; J. B. Black, 50c; H. P. Newson, 50c.

Mt. Zion, Kinston—E. K. Patterson, 50c; J. S. Parker, 50c; Will Hood, 50c; C. L. Lewis; Joe Dawson, James Holloway, Lenn Anderson.

Piney Grove—Auther Williams, 50c; Jasper Jones, 50c; Henry Steward, Walter Moore, James Mercy, William Moore.

Princeton Chapel—Jack Ausbury, 50c; Elijah Winbely, 50c; Jack Rollins, 50c.

Patterson Chapel—

Rouse Chapel—Geo. Speigh, 50c; John Best, 50c; John Speights, N. G. Moseley, Robert Taylor, H. B. Taylor, Joe Carr.

Rountree Chapel—

Speights Chapel—

St. Delight—J. F. Evans, 50c; Wyatt Williams, 50c; Joe Moye, 50c.

St. Stephen—G. F. Hood, 50c; Cisro Garner, 50c; Arron Stosor, 50c; Arnold Atkinson, 50c; Lemuel Peel.

Shady Grove—Ned Wooten, 50c; Charley Loften, 50c.

Wynn's Chapel—C. Brock.

Womans Home Mission—Mrs. Viola Jones, $2.00.

Field Agent—Mrs. T. T. Williams, $6.00.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. A. Smith	$2.00	Rev. P. P. Parks	2.00
Rev. U. G. Moye	2.00	Rev. W. M. Martin	2.00
Rev. C. C. Crawford	2.00	Rev. Marshall Grantham	Due
Rev. T. T. Williams	2.00	Rev. W. M. Daniels	2.00
Rev. J. E. Bowden	1.00	Rev. A. R. Bryant	Due
Rev. B. F. Johnson	2.00	Rev. A. T. Evans	1.00
Rev. H. B. Joyner	1.00	Rev. E. M. Saunders	Due
Rev. C. C. Gillette	Due	I. H. Jones	1.00
Rev. R. W. Pate	2.00	Rev. Willie Bryant	1.00
Rev. E. H. Hooker	Due	Rev. J. Grimes	2.00
Rev. E. T. Jones	1.00	Rev. Geo. Lee	2.00
Rev. R. P. Lawson	Due	Rev. E. D. Hildreth	2.00
Rev. C. H. Branch	2.00	208 W. Elem St., Goldsboro, N. C.	
Rev. C. W. Brown	1.00	Freeman Roscoe	2.00
Rev. R. W. Underwood	1.00	Rev. R. H. Hinton	2.00
Rev. D. A. Williams	Due	Rev. J. M. Newkerk	1.00
Rev. A. G. Howell	Due		

LICENTIATES

A. B. Battle	1.00	E. R. Rose	1.00
H. V. Brown	1.00		

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Bro. L. W. Cox	Due	Bro. W. J. Rogers	.25
Bro. L .W. Souls	Due	Sister Daisy Williams	.25
Bro. Fred Isler	.25	Sister Lola L. Smith	.25
Bro. Julius Grantham	.25	Sister Annie Grantham	.25
Bro. J. E. Baker	.25	Sister Cora A. Smith	Due
Bro. C. H. Lane	.25	Sister N. A. Daniels	Due
Bro. C. J. Walls	.25	Sister Mary E. Morgan	Due
Bro. Fredy Grantham	.25	Sister Mollie McKinney	Due

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 2:05 the Association re-eassembled. Praise services were conducted by Bro. A. B. Jones and Bro. J. B. Black. Bro. Black introduced services by lining hymn No. 835, "All Things Are Ready, Come." Bro. A. B. Jones read St. John 1-1—13 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. P. P. Parker. The Rev. offered many thanks and begged for Divine guidance during our deliberation.

Second selection, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

The Moderator in a few instructive remarks declared the meeting open and ready for business.

Minutes of the morning session were read, recorded and adopted.

A motion prevailed that Bro. J. H. Aycock be made an honorary member of the Association.

The roll was called. Amount collected $17.50.

The Association now suspended business to hear a short sermon by Rev. A. T. Evans, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, N. C.

Rev. P. P. Parks sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," Rev. Parks read a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Crawford.

Second selection, "Down at the Cross."

Rev. A. T. Evans, was now introduced.

Rev. Evans after some preliminary selected for a text John 9-4.

I must work the work of him that sent me while it is day for the night cometh and no man can work—Theme work while it is day. Rev. Evans urged us to work and make the sacrifice that Christ's Kingdom might come into the hearts of men and women. The Rev. Evans was inspiring in his msesage.

Rev. Parks sang "When I See the Blood."

Rev. A. A. Smith, the Moderator commentde on the young man's sermon. Rev. Freeman Roscoe, Vice Moderator of the Trent River Ockry Grove Association; Rev. Jackson of the Kenansville Association; Rev. I. S. Reddick, the ex-pastor of Mt. Calvary Church. All made some very encouraging remarks.

Committee on ordination were appointed. Homes were assigned.

Benediction by Rev. A. T. Evans.

THURSDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 7:25 Praise Services were conducted by Rev. P. P. Parks and Bro. A. W. Bizzelle. Bro. Bizzell sang "Down at the Cross." The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Parks from Eph. 6th Chapter. Prayer by Rev. R. P. Lawson. The Rev. plead earnestly for Divine guidance.

Second selection, "A Few More Years Shall Roll."

The Moderator now introduced Rev. B. F. Johnson. The pastor of the church who in a most elaborate manner extended to us a most hearty welcome. We were assured that his church and its many friends had made ample preparation for our entertainment.

Welcome on the part of the city and the White Baptist of the city, His Honor, the ex-mayor of the city, Mr. Edgar Bain. Mr. Bain assured us that the doors of the city from every angle were thrown wide open for our hospitality. Representing the white Baptist he was glad to welcome us as Bapitsts. We were urged to see to it that in each of our churches that a B. Y. P. U. be organized, he declared our future depended upon our youth. He said he was glad to welcome us as Baptist because of the great principal for which Baptist stand for.

Mr. Bain gave us a very encouraging welcome address.

We were now favored with a selection by the Glee Club of the Dillard High School. Rev. A. A. Gavin, pastor of the A. M. E. Z. Church, representing the Ministers Alliance, and churches of the city, with choice language and very timely words left no stones unturned in welcoming us on the part of the Ministeral Alliance and churches of the city.

Prof. H. V. Brown, city supervisor of the city schools of Goldsboro, N. C. assured us that the schools joins Mr. Bains and Rev. Mr. Gavin in extending us a most cordial welcome. He said he represented over 2,000 boys and girls in his system and they were glad to have us in their city. He welcomed us to visit his schools on tomorrow morning.

The Glee Club now sang "King Jesus is Listening All Day Long."

Rev. U. G. Moye of Kinston, N. C. reflected credit upon himself and us in the creditable way and manner in accepting the various addresses of welcome.

Rev. H. B. Joyner and Rev. P. P. Parker lifted the collection. Amount $2.60.

Rev. C. C. Crawford assisted by Rev. F. L. Bullock came forward to preach the Missionary Sermon of the Association.

The Moderator now presented Rev. Crawford. After a very short preliminary Rev. Crawford selected for a text 28 Chapter of St. Matthew 16 to 20. Subject, "Making the World Christians." The Rev. gave us minute history of the early missionaries and their kingdoms. Then a history of the Disciples of Christ and their training under Christ.

Finally we were encouraged to be true missionaries of Christ. Rev, Crawford was inspiring in his message.

The choir sang very beautifully, "He's the Joy of My Salvation,"

Homes were assigned.

Benediction by Rev. F. L. Bullock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

At 9:45 Praise Services were conducted by Bro. Fred Isler and Bro. Matthew Ford. Bro. Isler introduced services lining hymn No. 170.

Bro. Ford read Mark 3rd Chapter, verses 1 to 6. Praise by Rev. P. P. Parks. The Rev. plead for mercy, peace and harmony. Second selection, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." The Moderator in a few instructive remarks declared the meeting open adn ready for business. Minutes of Thursday afternoon's session was read, received and adopted. The roll was called. Collected $26.00. Bro. J. H. Jones and Bro. Lemuel Peel placed on the superanuated list. Done by a motion the various committees was now appointed. Committee on Nomination, Committee on Constitution, Committee on New Churches.

At 12 o'clock the Association suspended business to hear Dr. Steward W. Nelson, president of Shaw University, who was presented by Dr. C. Dillard of this city. Dr. Nelson urged us to not go backward but forward, in this great movement of religious activities. He said the church should give encouragement. Should strengthen the forces of the church against the forces of evils.

Dr. Nelson expressed his appreciation for the donations last year. He said further that Shaw University did not owe one cent for its operation of last year's session.

Dr. Nelson made an earnest appeal for the support of Shaw University. His addresst was inspiring.

Rev. U. G. Moye and Bro. J. C. Barnes lifted a collection. Amount $6.05. The same was given to Dr. Nelson for expense.

Dr. C. Dillard commented on the work of Shaw University and Dr. Nelson's address.

Rev. Moye motioned a vote of thanks for the most excellent address of Dr. Nelson.

Lawyer Jacob of Goldsboro and a product of Shaw University, was introduced and made some very encouraging remarks.

Annual fees collected, $2.25.

The Association at 1 P. M. suspended business to hear the Sunday School sermon to be preached by Rev. E. T. Jones, assisted by Rev. P. P. Parks.

Rev. Parks conducted the devotional service. Rev. E. T. Jones of Pikeville, N. C. was introduced to preach the Sunday School sermon of the Association. Rev. Jones selected for a text Mathew 14, 19, from which Rev. Jones preached a splendid Sunday School sermon filled with wholesome advice for the furtherance of the present day Sunday School announcements we made. We adjourned for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

At 4 P. M. the Association re-assembled. Praise Services were conducted by Rev. D. A. Williams and Rev. Willie Bryant. Rev. Bryant sang one of his sweet selections. Rev. Williams read Mark 16-1 to 17th for a Scripture lesson. Prayer, Rev. Bryant. The Rev. was strong in his petission.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted, The roll

was called. Amount collected $5.45.

Mrs. T. T. Williams, Field Agent makes her report. The same was received and adopted. Amount $6.00.

The Committee on Ordination made its report—(See same.)

Rev. I. H. Jones came forward and was given the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. H. C. Carroll made an additional Sunday School report. Net amount reported $2.00. Amount collected $13.45.

The Committe on Constitution and Resolutions made its report. It was received and adopted by sections—(See Report.)

The delegate from the Western Union made his report. The same was received and adopted.—(See Report.)

The Committee on Place, New Churches made their report. The Committee on Place recommended the First Baptist Church of Kinston for our next session, it was carried.

The joint boards made their report.—(See Same.)

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

At 7:30 the Mount Calvary Choir softly sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." The Scripture lesson was read by Bro. C. J. Walls from Mathew 5—1-15. Prayer by Rev. C. Branch. The Rev. pled earnestly for Divine guidance. The choir sang "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Love." The Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith now called Mr. J. C. Barnes and Mr. Robert Swinson to lift an offering. Amount collected $6.00. At this hour Prof. H. V. Brown of Goldsboro was presented for ordination. The program was as follows:

First hymn lined by Rev. B. F. Johnson. Hymn, "My Soul Be on Thy Guard." Scripture lesson read by Rev. T. T. Williams. Prayer by Rev. R. W. Pate. Second selection, "Go Preach My Gospel Says the Lord." Sermon Rev. U. G. Moye.

Subject: "God's Call to Service." Prayer by Rev. R. H. Hinton. The charge, Rev. E. D. Hildreth. The presentations of Bible and hymn book, Rev. C. C. Crawford.

The right hand of fellowship was extended. A vote of thanks was extended to the Mount Calvary Church and its many friends for their hospitality extended us during this Association.

The Association adjourned to meet on Thursday before the 2nd Lord Day in October, 1933 at the First Baptist Church in the city of Kinston, N. C.

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator.

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF REV. A. A. SMITH, MODERATOR OF THE ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: GOD'S BOUNTY AND WE MUST GO FORWARD

When we speak of the harvest, we are accustomed to think only of the corn harvest, but the word has a far wider significance.

Our granaries contain not a tithe of His gifts.

Nor is the Creator's bounty limited to the products of each passing year

The cycle of God's harvest is measured by ages, yes centuries rather than by seasons.

The Lesson of Trust

In days of a youhtful and somewhat arrogant science, in our fancied knowledge of second causes, it is possible for our trust in God to be shaken.

There is truth in the Old Bible promise, that while the earth remains our harvest shall not fail.

We may yet believe that Christ is the king of all the earth, and not substitute for all the creeds the bare negations of a cold and cheerless agnosticism.

The Lesson of Contentment

The great struggle between labor and capital, industrial and agricultural depression, I am persuaded to believe God is punishing us for our distrust and ingratitude.

Liberality

In all our varied gains, whether from an influx of better trade, or a rise in the share market, we should remember that the first fruits belong to God and the gleanings to the poor.

The Comfort of Physical Inferiority

We claim God is fair in all His dealing with the human race.

(1) The doctrine of modern life is the survival of the fittiest.

Is the Psalms in opposition to this view? No.

He is quite willing to admit that the fittiest survive; what he says is that their fitness does not lie in the physical.

He says that even where the physical strength exists it is not the deepest ground for success. And is he not right?

Take the simile in his own mind—the sway of a kingdom.

The greatest kingdoms of the world have been swayed by spiritual forces. Look at the prophecy of early days.

It was the rule of one frail man—without arms, without territories, without embatted walls, without military followers, without a right to draw the sword.

What was the secret of the Pope's power? Why did kings hold his stirup and emperors court his favor and armies melt at his command and rude barbarians bow to his desire? It was because men believed in His holiness—because they held him to possess the spirit of God. Or, take our own Indian Empire, that to me is the miracle of history—a small army holding in leash the millions of a conquered land. What is the power by which a little island has bound a chain around an enormous continent? Is it holiness? Alas, no, but it is none the less a power of the spirit,

These millions could overwhelm us if they were mentally strong.

Theirs is the homage of matter to mind. Is it not written of the forces of animal nature. A little child shall lead them.

(2) In the presence of the great forest of India, Britain is physically but a child; yet the myriad denizons of the forest bend beneath her sway. They could crush her at a blow; to wha tdo they bend? To that which as yet is to them a mystery—the power of mind.

The gigantic river has been arrested by one pebble; the sweep of the blast has been diverted by the single leaf of a tree. There is no power on earth so securedly strong as that which sleeps within a human soul.

Remember this, thou mother with the delicate babe. Remember this when thou bendest with sorrow over that cradle which seems to enshrine a physical failure.

Daily Prayer

To have success we must not neglect our daily prayers or devotion to God.

As it is the special work of a shoemaker to make shoes, said Luther, and of a tailor to make coats, so it is the special work of a Christian to pray. The true artist is an artist everywhere. His works in his studio is only a part of his artist life.

So must the pious soul be devoted to prayer; his prayers will be only a part of his praying life. The servants of Madame de Chantal used to say of their mistress: Madame's first director made her pray three times a day, and everybody was upset. The new director makes her pray all day, and nobody suffers for it.

They Looked and Were Enlightened

The waning of the look. There is many metaphor which is more instructive than a treatise, and this one is worth cart loads of metophysical analysis. What is meant by it? No man hath seen God at any time, and yet there is an action of the spirit which is fitly paralleled as sight. We are accustomed to say seeing is believing; the converse is quite as true. Believing is seeing. The spirit has its eye as the body—that inward eye which is the bliss and the glory of man. In briefest words—the look that enlightens is the look of faith. The main elements are plain enough. (a) There is what I call the intellectual, the occupation of the understanding with the thought of God. (b) There is desire in the look, wistful, longings.

Eve Christened her son by the name of Abel—a vapour. The child seemed so fragile as to be but a breath; and the mother viewed his future with dismay. Was she right? No, that little pigmy in the primitive cradle was most surviving man of all the race—he yet speaketh. Remember that, when thou lookest upon the physical feebleless of the babe. It may survive its strong brother Cain in the work of the world. The cry may be faint; but its cry is not a crown.

O, thou that holdest in thine arms a feeble form, remember that the frail casket may enclose a King.

(c) There is sense of need. (d) There is confident expectancy.

The power of the look. Note how the enlightenment is set forth as immediate and certain. There will be no appreciable interval of time, but at once when a man turns his face to God, his face will blaze. In this highest region of life to ask is to receive, to wish is to possess, to turn to the light is to be flooded, bathed, in the light, is to and that once and without a doubt.

(3) The look has, properly speaking, no power at all. That is, it is the

blaze of the sunlight which makes the face glow. It is the objective faith, God's own face which makes the brightness and so the true limits of the worth of faith. Not the act of belief but the right believed. Not the faith but the gospel—not the very faih as more refined form of work but my faith as the mere inlet through which His grace enters. (a) Put in its fullest power—and it is this—the look is the medium of healing or salvation. This is the true enlightening—the real deliverance from the power of darkness. To entertain the belief and this great love in Christ is to pass into light. (b) The look works joy, the outward deliverance is implied, but even where that does not come we may have the joy of His face, and plain ever more is that the look, that is occupation of mind and heart with the thought of God, is sure to make a man glad. Go and stand in the sunshine. That is what we all need to have said to us over and over again. That is the secret of all light, of knowledge, purity, and blessedness.

Forward Is the Command

In the attainment of Christian privilege and blessings, go forward.

Peace, flowing as a river, and righteousness abounding as the waves of the sea.

Title to heaven becoming more clear, experience more rich and fruitful, heart softening and becoming more completely moulded by Divine love. Joy increasing, confidence strongeer; conscience more holy and soul more happy, body, soul and spirit more hallowed and consecrated to the service and glory of God.

Changed into the image of God, from glory to glory by the spirit of the Lord.

Let us consider why the Christian should go forward. God demands it and his authority is imperative. He made us and has, therefore a claim to our obedience. He is our Sovereign, Legislator and Judge. To reject his commands is rebellion, to deny his claims, is infidelity, to refuse his authority is treason.

But the Christian is an effectionate son. A loyal subject, an obedient servant. And therefore feels, in all its commanding force, the injunction, Go Forward. Christ enforces it, and His authority or claims are final.

He enforces it by his discourses and by his examples. And He claims it on the grounds of his love to us, and our professed love to Him.

He claims it on the grounds of our calling, for we are called to glory. On the ground of consistency, for we are His friends, if we do whatsoever He commands us. His dying agonies seeme to appeal to apostle and professors, and say, I suffer these for you; will ye also go away? Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words—the Holy Spirit moves us to it, and His influences must not be quenched. Does he not incite us forward in prayer and in praise? Does He not quicken, and enliven, and strengthen? Does He not guide, and uphold, and support? Does He not protect and comfort, and sanctify? And all He does for us is that we may go forward.

It is urged upon us. By the example of saints with whom we are forever to be association. Noah, bad as the world was went forward. Abraham and the patriarchs went forward. Moses, Joshua, Daniel, Joseph and Caleb wen tforward. Samuel and Daniel and the prophets went forward.

Stephen, Paul, John the Baptist and Apostles and Disciples went for-

ward. The first Christian martyrs and confessors went forward.

Brethren, at times the dark clouds hang low across our pathway, but let us go forward.

At times, the waters are chilly, the winds are bleak, and heaven appears to be a very far distance, but we must go forward. The reformers and our first fore-fathers went forward.

And now they have reached the pearly gates, and inherit the promises, doubtless they watch our course with great interest and intense anxiety. We should be influenced, by the sufficiency of the means provided for our progress and safety.

Had Israel an infalliable guide, the pillow of cloud by day and of fire by night. So have we.

Had Israel an invincible defense in the arm of God? So have we.

Had Israel water from the rock, and manna from heaven? So have we. Then we must go forward.

I am recommending that we make donations to the churches in the Association, the coming session. I also recommend that we see to it that the Association donate to Shaw University.

I recommend that none of our ministers receive a member from his sister church, before consulting the pastor. To do so without this it does not show brotherly love and a Christian spirit. I recommend that churches consult the leaders before calling a pastor. I recommend the budget system plan of collecting our Association funds. Daily prayer in our families.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Bro. Moderator and Brethren, we your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report: Collected from Sources, $333.76.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. SHEPARD
FRED ISLER
L. A. SWINSON
T. I. PATTERSON
J. H. COOR

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brother Moderator, I, your humble servant beg to submit my report. Brought forward from the last Association $412.22. Received at this Association $27.78. Total in the treasure, $440.00.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. FOYE, Treasurer.

ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. A. Smith, due on real estate	$425.00
E. K. Patterson, money loaned by him	840.00
E. C. Foye, treasurer	440.00
Rev. T. T. Williams, loan	50.00

NOTICE

At a special meeting held at the First Baptist Church in Goldsboro, N. C. on Saturday before the 4th in February, the report of the fire insurance was received and the moneys ordered brought to the Association in October, 1933 at Kinston, N. C.

Also the following budget was approved of by the board and recommended for adoption by the Association. Churches may be guided by the 15c representing fees or the budget as recommended by the boards.

Budget Proposed	Ass'n.	Shaw Univ.
Atkinson Chapel	$12.00	$5.00
Augusta Chapel	10.00	4.00
Banks Chapel	8.00	4.00
Barnes Chapel	15.00	5.00
Bests Grove	15.00	5.00
Buckhorn Chapel	2.00	1.00
Davis Chapel	3.00	1.00
First Baptist, Eureka	3.00	1.00
First Baptist, Dover	5.00	2.00
First Baptist, Lucama	3.00	1.00
First Baptist, Kinston	18.00	7.00
Hooks Grove	15.00	5.00
Holly Green	5.00	2.00
Holly Hill	5.00	2.00
Liberty Grove	6.00	3.00
Mt. Calvary	15.00	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	15.00	5.00
Mt. Zion, Kinston	10.00	5.00
Piney Grove	8.00	2.00
Patterson's Chapel	5.00	2.00
Rouse Chapel	10.00	5.00
Speights Chapel	5.00	2.00
St. Stephen	15.00	5.00
Shady Grove	15.00	5.00
Wynns Chapel	10.00	5.00
Princetons Chapel	3.00	1.00
Ebenezer	15.00	5.00
Saints Delight	10.00	5.00

REV. A. A. SMITH, Moderator

E. K. PATTERSON, Clerk

REV. R. W. PATE, Chairman Executive Board

REV. U. G. MOYE, Chairman Trustee Board

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We your Committee on Time and Place, wish to make the following report. We recommend that the next meeting will convene at the First Baptist Church, Kinston, N. C., Thursday and Friday, before the second Sunday in October, 1933.

Respectfully submitted,

T. I. PATTERSON
REV. J. GRIMES
ELIAS MOORE BARNES
C. J. WALL
J. E. BAKER
E. R. ROSE
SISTER ANNA GRANTHAM

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATION

Bro. Moderator, we your Committee on Ordination beg to submit the following report: We had to appear before us the following persons: Rev. I. H. Jones, of Saint Delights Baptist Church who had joined the Holliness Church about four years ago, and a few months ago returned to the St. Delights Church and gave satisfaction there. Reunited and was recommended again to the association for its acceptance. The board gave him a close examination. We now recommend him to the association, a well qualified ordained minister. We further recommend that the association give him regular ordained licences.

Prof. Hugh Victor Brown, principal of the Colored School of Goldsboro, N. C. We gave him a close examination which satisfied us, we therefore recommend him to the Association for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. T. T. WILLIAMS
U. G. MOYE
REV. B. F. JOHNSON
REV. R. W. PATE
REV. M. C. NEWKIRK
C. C. CRANFORD, Secretary

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES

Bro. Moderator, we your Committee on New Churches wish to make the following report: We have no new churches to make a report on.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. LANE
R. J. HARPER
REV. P. P. PARKS
BRO. MAJOR BIZZELL
MATHEW FORD

REPORT OF FIELD AGENT

Bro. Moderator and brethren, I your humble servant, beg leave to submit the following report: I have done so much this year I trust to do more if appointed for another year. I have received the following: Liberty Grove, 50c; Johnson's S. C., 50c; Barnes Chapel, $2.00; Hook's Grove, $3.00—Total $6.00.

MRS. T. T. WILLIAMS

REPORT ON OFFICERS

We, your Committee recommend that the Rev. A. A. Smith, be Moderator, Rev. T. T. Williams, Vice-Moderator; Bro. E. K. Patterson, Clerk; Bro. H. Draughn, Corresponding Secretary; Bro. E. C. Foye, Treasurer; Executive Board remain the same. Trustee Board: Bro. B. B. Best in place of Bro. L. W. ——; Board of Survey, we recommend Bro. G. F. Hood in place of Rev. C. C. Gillett; we also recommend that the Field Agent remain the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT SWINSON
REV. M. GRANTHAM
A. W. BIZZELL
J. B. BLACK
REV. C. BRANCH
H. C. CARROLL
B. B. BEST
JULIUS GRANTHAM
H. C. SUTTON
J. D. LOFTON

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Mr. President and Members of the Bear Creek District Association—we your Committee on Constitution recommend:

1. That Article 3 be so amended as to the assessments of members, to read as follows:

All ordained ministers belonging to this association shall pay annually $1.50 each; Licentuate Ministers, 50c; ordained deacons, 25c each to maintain membership.

Ministers who are not members of this association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the association from which they came, and the payment $1.00 down, and $1.50 annually thereafter.

2. That Article 5 so be amended as to include on the staff of officers, an auditor and trustee board.

4. That it shall be the duty of the auditor to check up on all monies raised and handled by the Association from one annual meeting to the other and make a report of the same in each annual session of the association , and a record of which shall appear itemized each year.

6. We recommend also that annual fees for churches be 15c instead of 25 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. D. HILDRED
J. E. BOWDEN
C. W. BROWN
R. W. PATE
H. B. JOYNER
R. H. HINTON
DEACON A. B. JONES
J. L. HOOD
J. S. PARKS
REV. T. T. WILLIAMS
J. C. BARNES

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator, Rev. A. A. Smith	$ 15.00
Vice Moderator, Rev. T. T. Williams	7.00
Clerk, E. K. Patterson	20.00
Corresponding Secretary, H. Draughn	5.00
Board Meeting, J. C. Barns	2.00
J. H. Coor	3.00
Dr. Shepard	3.00
L. S. Swinson	3.00
Preaching, Rev. U. G. Moye, A. T. Evans, C. C. Crawford, R. W. Underwood, E. T. Jones	15.00
Programs, Rev. A. A. Smith	6.00
Stationery	1.00
Field Agent	2.00
Suppliment to Mt. Calvary Church	4.00
Sunday School Convention	3.60
Board Meeting Regulating Bonds	19.50
Superanuated Donations—	
S. L. Oats by Rev. C. Branch	2.00
Rev. S. D. Loften (A. A. Smith)	4.00
J. H. Jones (E. K. Patterson)	2.00
Lemuel Peel (P. P. Parks)	2.00
J. H. Aycock (A. A. Smith)	2.00
Council Dawson (T. I. Patterson)	2.00
Elias Barnes	1.00
Bank Chapel (T. I. Patterson)	8.00
Patterson Chapel (J. E. Baker)	8.00
Ebenezer (R. W. Pate)	8.00
Shaw University	100.00
Expense Drawing Bonds	5.00
C. R. Rogers (H. Draughn)	2.00
Mailing Minutes	1.50
Liberty Grove (A. W. Bizzell)	5.00
Rev. R. P. Lawson	2.25
Survey Committee, Partial Expense	20.00
J. C. Barnes	1.50
Robert Swinson	1.50
Rev. R. W. Pate	1.00

SUNDAY SERVICES

At 11 o'clock A. M. Sermon by Rev. A. A. Smith.
At 3 o'clock P. M. Sermon by Rev. B. F. Johnson.
At 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. J. E. Bowden.

The Kinton Choir of the First Baptist Church, furnished music for Sunday. It sustained its reputation on its rendition of high class music. Their music was of a charming order. This Choir deserves our commendation for its splendid services for the past two associations, at Mt. Olive and Goldsboro. All without any compensation.

There are some excellent voices in this choir. There are very few choirs in Eastern North Carolina that can compete with it.

Below are the men named to preach the Annual Sermon for 1933:

Missionary Sermon Thursday night, 7:30 P. M.....Rev. C. C. Gillett
Sunday School Sermon, Friday at 11 A. M.....Rev. C. W. Brown
Doctrinal Sermon, Friday 7:30 P. M.....Rev. R. H. Hinton
Introductory Sermon at 11 o'clock Thursday .....Rev. E. H. Hildreth

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEAR CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of the Association shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament. Pastors should encourage Christian Education to assist in the Home and Foreign Missions and to do all in their power for the support of an active prayer meeting and Sunday School in all churches and in every way possible strive to conform to the teaching of the word of God.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of Messengers, Pastors and Deacons chosen by the churches they represent. Each church is entitled to three delegates who shall be in good standing in the churches they represent. All ordained ministers belonging to this Association shall pay $1.50 annually. Licentiate ministers 50c annually. Ordained deacons 25c annually, to maintain their membership. Ministers who are not members of this Association may become members by bringing a letter of recommendation from the Association from whence they came and the payment of $1.00 down and $1.50 annually thereafter; said monies to maintain a superanuated fund. All disabled ministers and deacons shall be paid annually.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter certifying their appointments, and also stating the condition of their church.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, a Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and an Executive Board of seven members, a Trustee Board, an Auditor and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of of the Moderator to preside during the deliberation of this body; in observance of the Constitution preserve order, decide all questions, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion, after those wishing to speak shall have spoken, or when called upon to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session. The Clerk, corresponding Secretary and Moderator to compose the printing committee and to superintend the printing of the Minutes and distribute them among the churches in ninety days.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep correspondence with the various bodies representing the object of the Association, and shall keep a faithful register of all ordained ministers and historical events of the Association, and make report to each annual session, and assist the Clerk.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up from the churches or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association, when drawn by the Clerk and signed by the Moderator. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury. He shall give good security.

Art. 11. It shall be the duty of the auditor to audit all accounts of the Association and make an itemized annual report.

Art. 12. The Executive Board may meet when it is necessary and do business for the Association or any of its churches, and the church or association calling for the Board shall defray the expenses of the Board and in no wise attempt to interfere with the business of any church unless called for by the church.

Art. 13. Any church desiring to connect herself with this body shall present a petition at an annual session, through a delegate appointed for that purpose and if received the presidnig officer shall extend the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 14. This Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches that neglect to preserve Gospel order. Churches may continue their fellowship by contributing fifteen (15) cents per member as representative fee in the Association.

Art. 15. The Association may invite brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of this body, except that of voting.

Art. 16. This body shall hold its session annually and at such time and place as it may select.

Art. 17. By appointment of the Association there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory, Missionary, Doctrinal, and Sunday School sermon during the session, directed by the Choir.

Art. 18. Messengers to the Association shall bring 15 cents for Educational purposes.

Art. 19. The Association will not recognize the ordination of any minister in its bounds unless done by the Association while in session or the Executive Board.

Art. 20. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 21. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Association and Directory Board of the Sunday School Convention to have full control of the legal business of the Association coming under their supervision.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members whose term of office shall be fixed by the Association and they shall meet as often as they find it necessary.

AMENDMENT

Resolved that Shaw University be the Objective of this Association.

All monies raised during the year between the sittings of the Association by the Sunday School Convention, Home Mission Convention, Eastern and Western Unions, and from various sources, be represented at the Association and turned in to Associational Treasurer.

Art. 21. That there be an amendment to the effect that all churches be urged to give each fifth Sunday in the interest of the Unions.

Fees of Deacons shall be 15 cents quarterly to the Union.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED APPLICANTS WHEN APPLYING FOR LICENSE TO PREACH

1. What is grace?
2. How do you know that you are called to preach the gospel?
3. What is the gospel?
4. What is repentance?
5. What is religion?
6. What is faith in the Lord?
7. What is the law of God?

8. How do the Scriptures describe God?
9. Who is God?
10. What is a Gospel Church?
11. What is a Church?
12. How is a Baptist Church governed?
13. Who are Scriptural Officers of a Baptist Church?
14. What is necessary to be saved?

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate.

2. At each daily session the names of delegates, shall be called and the proceedings of the previous session read before entering upon the business of the day.

3. The members shall exhibit towards the officers and each other that courtesy which belongs to Christians.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, nor longer than five minutes at a time, without permission from the body.

5. Any member desiring to speak shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. All motions which meet a second shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before being discussed.

7. When a subject is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be in order except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or posptone indefinitely.

8. Reports of standing committees.

9. The Association shall reserve the right to determine what questions shall be admitted to its consideration.

10. No member shall present himself during the session without permission from the Moderator.

11. These rules may be amended at any regular session by a majority of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Enrollment of members.
2. Declaration of business.
3. Inviting to seats corresponding delegates and visitors.
4. Appoint committees.
5. Read Church Letters.
6. Petitionery Letters of New Churches.
7. Appoint corresponding delegates.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Report of special committees.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Miscellaneous.
12. Adjournment.

For applicants who apply for ordination.

Applicants for ordination must be proficient in spelling, reading, writing, historic work of the Bible and Theology.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the ..... Missionary Baptist Church, at ..... do send greetings to the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association:

Number of Members .....

Number received by baptism .....

Number received by Letter .....

Received by Experience .....

Excommunicated .....

Dismissed by Letter .....

Deceased .....

Days of Worship .....

Funds sent up ..... $.....

Value of Church Property ..... $.....

Pastor's Salary ..... $.....

Donated to McDaniel School ..... $.....

Donated to Foreign Missions ..... $.....

Donated to Home Missions..... $.....

Number of Sunday School Scholars Baptized .....

Number of Male Members .....

Number of Female Members .....

Done by order of the ..... Baptist Church, this ..... day of ....., 193.....

Pastor .....

Post Office .....

Clerk .....

Post Office .....

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches and Pastors	Clerks and Post Office	No. of Members	Funds Sent	Balance Due	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Deceased	Day of Worship	Pastor's Salary	Value Church Property
Atkinston Chapel—Rev. O. M. James	W. J. Rogers, Goldsboro, N. C. Rt. 4	69	$ 5.30	$..9.70	....	....	....	4	$ 24.00	$4,000
Augusta Chapel—Rev. A. A. Smith	C. H. Lane, Dudley, N. C., Rt. 2, B. 28	104	14.10	.....	2	....	3	3	17.00	2,000
Banks Chapel—Rev. J. Grimes	J. S. Patterson, LaGrange, N. C., Rt. 4	40	7.00	.....	....	....	1	3	.....	1,000
Barnes Chapel—Rev. T. T. Williams	J. C. Barnes, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt.	110	11.00	.....	2	....	....	3	180.00	2,500
Best Grove—Rev. F. F. Boluck	Royal Barnes, Rt. 2, Goldsboro, N. C.	50	10.75	.....	8	....	3	4	24.00	2,500
Buckhorn Chapel—		.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Davis Chapel—Rev. H. B. Joyner	Florie Bizzell, Rt. 3	50	2.00	10.50	....	....	....	3	100.00	800
1st Bap. Eureka—Rev. Willie Bryant	Garfield Ford, Eureka, N. C.	34	8.50	.....	....	....	....	3	18.00	800
1st Bap. Dover—Rev. Ed Hildreth	J. W. Walters, Dover, N. C., Box 64	20	1.50	3.50	....	3	....	4	45.00	5,000
1st Bap. Lucama—Rev. R. H. Mitchell	Mary Morgan, Wilson, N. C.	18	2.75	.....	....	4	4	4	60.00	1,000
1st Bap. Kinston—Rev. U. G. Moye	M. K. Guy, Kinston, N. C.	57	14.75	.....	....	....	4	1	12.00	10,000
Hooks Grove—Rev. J. E. Bowden	Allen Mitchell, Pikeville, N. C.	144	6.25	.....	....	15	....	1	18.00	2,500
Holly Green—Rev. A. A. Smith	Lucreatie Grantham	35	8.75	.....	....	....	....	1	12.00	1,000
Holly Hill—Rev. J. E. Bowden	Johnny Dawson	14	3.50	.....	....	....	....	2	.....	5,000
Liberty Grove—Rev. J. E. Bowden	Rodie E. Best	50	7.00	.....	4	....	....	4	25.00	7,500
Little Creek—		.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Mt. Calvary—Rev. B. F. Johnson	Mrs. Mildreth George	50	10.00	.....	....	20	....	3	600.00	2,000
Mt. Pleasant—Rev. C. C. Gillette	Charlie Walters	43	10.75	.....	4	4	....	2	20.00	3,000
Mt. Zion, Kinston—Rev. B. F. Johnson	C. K. Patterson, Kinston, N. C.	50	6.50	6.00	5	....	....	2	30.00	6,000
Piney Grove—Rev. R. H. Hinton	Walter Moore, Walstonburg, N. C.	28	7.00	.....	....	....	....	3	120.00	3,000
Patterson Chapel—Rev. Rosco	W. P. Baker, Kinston, N. C.	12	3.00	.....	....	....	....	3	.....	.....
Rouse Chapel—Rev. J. E. Bowden	N. A. Suggs	46	11.50	.....	....	....	....	3	.....	1,500
Rountree Chapel—		180	4.00	.....	26	3	....	4	18.00	2,000
St. Stephen—Rev. C. C. Gillette	W. H. B. Atkinson	60	6.00	9.50	6	....	....	1	10.00	1,000
Shady Grove—Rev. J. H. Graham	Kirby Loftin	62	2.50	.....	4	2	....	4	30.00	3,000
Winns Chapel—Rev. B. F. Johnson	S. Elliott, Mt. Olive, N. C.	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Princeton Chapel—	Rev. Wm. Martin, Earnest Joyner	9	2.20	8.00	11	....	....	1	.....	1,800
Ebenezer—Rev. R. W. Pate	S. L. Davis, LaGrange, N. C.	120	5.00	.....	....	8	....	1	28.00	8,000
St. Delight—		.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....

Mr. C. B. Brown

Winton.

N. C.